Community Partner Update
COVID-19
Issued 5-01-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 676</td>
<td># of Cases: 7,884</td>
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<td># Recovered: 416</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 46</td>
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Past and future versions of this report can be found on the Linn County Public Health COVID-19 web page under Community Partner Update and will no longer be emailed each Friday.

The report format has been shorted to remove past resources as Community Partner Updates are archived for reference.

Updates

Governor Reynolds’ Office

- **4/27/2020 Governor Reynolds New Proclamation**
  - The proclamation extends business closures in Linn County until 11:59 pm on May 15, 2020.
  - The proclamation extends the prohibition of social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people shall continue to be prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers effective 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020. The full proclamation is available here: Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3.

- **TestIowa**
  - We continue to receive questions about the Governor’s TestIowa initiative. Our message continues to be to encourage all Iowans to not wait for TestIowa if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, but please contact your healthcare provider. If you have questions regarding TestIowa, please visit the TestIowa website or contact the Governor’s office at 515-281-5211.
**Business**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the following:
  - Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
  - Cleaning & Disinfecting Decision Tool for Cleaning & Disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes.
- **Iowa Department of Public Health Guidance for Business & Organizations**
  - Guidance for Iowa Businesses Experiencing COVID-19 Outbreaks among Employees (4/24/2020)
  - Reopening Guidance (4/27/2020): It has not been indicated when all business sectors will reopen, however some businesses have begun planning for future operations. Business leaders should recognize the importance of social distancing and supportive sick leave policies to allow for self-isolation needs.
- **OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970)**
  - Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers: Interim Guidance from CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- **Nonprofit Resources** for COVID-19 Response

**Child Care:**

- Child Care Provider Appreciation Day will be held on May 8th.

**Communications**

- LCPH hosts virtual town halls every Friday. A virtual town hall was held on May 1st with a discussion about personal finance, employment, and legal assistance for individuals. Kelzye Bedwell from Horizon’s Financial Health and Wellness Program, Mike Witt from Iowa Workforce Development, Lisa Gavin from Iowa Legal Aid, and Jane Drapeaux from HACAP provided information and answered questions during the virtual town hall.
  - Previous Town Hall discussions may be viewed here.
- The Congolese Health Partnership, the African Communities Network and Health professionals in a Facebook event to learn about how to prevent and manage COVID-19 infections, and how to access community resources.
  - Saturday, May 2, 2020
  - Time: 11:00 am
  - Facebook Page: Congolese Health Partnership

**Food Assistance**
• United Way is hosting a Food Drive Supporting Older Adults on May 1-3, 2020 at Lindale Mall in the Old Younkers location next to Carter’s store. All collections go to HACAP & Horizons.
  o Drop off times are May 1 from 4 pm – 6 pm, May 2 from 11 am – 4 pm, and May 3 from 11 am – 4 pm.
  o Requested items include personal care items, cleaning supplies, and food items. Face masks will also be accepted.
  o Lindale Hy-Vee is accepting Aisles-Online donation orders with “Food Drive” written in the notes section and a $30 minimum order.
• HACAP is hosting a Drive-Through Food Pantry on May 6 at 2 pm in the Lindale Mall parking lot. Participants are asked to enter from 1st Avenue. For the month of May, this drive up pantry replaces the mobile pantries at Hiawatha Public Library (5/4), Marion Library (5/6), and the Marion Village Pantry (5/13). These mobile pantries are canceled.
• HACAP is hosting a second Drive-Through Food Pantry on May 15th at 1 pm at Veteran’s Memorial Stadium. For the month of May, this drive up pantry replaces the mobile pantries at Ladd Library and Cedar Terrace. These mobile pantries are canceled.

Laundry Service
• Willis Dady Homeless Services is now offering laundry service for the community. Laundry will be washed, dried, and folded. Pickup and delivery services are available. The cost is $20 per load and funding may be available for those unable to pay. Call or text 319-651-8530 to learn more or schedule a pick up.

Long-term Care
• *NEW* Linn County Long-Term Care Facility Assistance Website and Resource Toolkit.

Older Adults
• Heritage Essential Supply Needs Registry: Heritage Area Agency on Aging has created a Registry to help older adults get the personal care items they need. Examples include: non-perishable food items, over-the-counter medications, toilet paper, incontinence supplies, essential toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) and more. See webpage for more details. Eligible adults ages 60 or older may call Heritage at 319-398-5559 or 1-800-332-5934 to register for this service. Donations are accepted here.

Religious Communities

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program shared two Emotional & Spiritual Care Webinars for faith leaders and the general public.
• **Building Resilience Webinar for Faith Leaders**: This one-hour program is designed to increase participants’ understanding of their own signs of stress and to teach in-the-moment tools to engage the relaxation response in body and mind. This webinar is designed for faith leaders in this season of COVID-19.

• **Building Resilience Webinar for General Public**: This one-hour program is designed to increase participants’ understanding of their own signs of stress and to teach in-the-moment tools to engage the relaxation response in body and mind. This webinar is designed for anyone who is responding to the COVID-19 situation.

**Shelter**
• Funding for the homeless overflow shelter has been extended until May 31, 2020.

**Volunteer Needs**
• **Giving Tuesday Now** (sharing GCRF webpage): This global day of giving and unity set to take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. Linn County residents are encouraged to support a nonprofit on this day.

• United Way **Virtual Day of Caring 2020**
  o Participate in the Day of Caring 2020 **Virtual Community Engagement BINGO**.

• **Iowa Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers** (i-SERV) Iowa Department of Public Health’s online registry for individuals wishing to volunteer in the event of a large scale disaster or public health emergency

• **Volunteer as a Poll Worker for Iowa Elections**. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is seeking healthy younger Iowans to volunteer as poll workers. The Iowa Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

• Several groups/organizations are in need of volunteers. There are options that can be done remotely. **Click here** if you are able to volunteer.

**Information Resources**

**Joint Information Center (JIC)**
A virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) staffed by Public Information Officers, or PIOs, from responding organizations was activated on March 16, 2020. The JIC has daily meetings to share and coordinate messages related to COVID-19, including press conference content, joint news releases, and messaging campaigns.

**Press Conferences**
• Linn County partner organizations hold press conferences on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Live feed of the press conference is posted on [Linn County Public Health’s Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) page and on [Linn County’s YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com).

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• Requests to speak at scheduled press conferences should be submitted to the PIO at Linn County Public Health, Kaitlin Emrich (Kaitlin.Emrich@linncounty.org).
• Recorded press conferences are posted on Linn County Public Health’s Facebook page, on the Linn County YouTube Channel, and on Linn County’s website.

Press Releases
• Linn County Public Health Press Releases
• Iowa Department of Public Health Press Releases

Relevant Websites (for targeted guidance, fact sheets, infographics, etc.)
• Linn County Public Health (LCPH)
• Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
• Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
• World Health Organization (WHO)

Telephone Contacts
• General Public Information hotline: 2-1-1 Iowa
• LCPH 24/7 contact/Officer on call: 319-892-6050
• IDPH 24/7 contact/Officer on Call: 800-362-2736